



**Fleet Reserve Association
Inland Empire Branch 38, Inc.
Spokane, Washington**
www.frabranch38.org

AUGUST 15, 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

2020-21 Branch Officers

President Robert Bean
 Vice President Michelle Davis
 Sec/Treasurer: Peg Burke

 Chaplain Dennis McCully
 Master-at-Arms James Robertson

Board of Directors

Plus Branch Officers:
 Harold Young (2020-2021)
 Anna Martin (2018-2023)
 Rick Baldwin (2020-2025)

2020-21 Branch Committee Chairs

Americanism Anna Martin
 HW&R Michelle Davis
 Public Relations Ralph Bean
 Veterans Services Dave Lord
 Youth Activities James Grisham

Introductions:
 Treasurer's Report as of 8/14/2020

Read Minutes of July 18, 2020
 Communications received since the July 2020 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Milestone Awards-July – August - September 2020

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| George Stevens Jr | 45 years | August 2020 |
| Doug Harms | 50 years | September 2020 |

2020 NW Regional Convention – Has been postponed until 2021. It will still be hosted by Mt Rainier Branch 104, Puyallup, WA. Location will still be at the La Quinta Hotel at 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421 at \$99 plus tax. The new dates are August 24-26, 2021, a Tuesday thru Thursday vs a weekend.

Delegates remain as: Michelle Davis, Chair, Anna Martin, and Rick Baldwin

Nominations for NW Regional Officers 2020-2021

Regional President RVPNW Danny Hunt - Gem State Branch 382 of Nampa, ID
 Regional Vice President Michelle Davis – Inland Empire Branch 38 of Spokane, WA
Due to the 2020 NWR Convention being postponed until next year an email was sent to all NW Region Branches asking for any other nominations to the above positions to be submitted by July 15, 2020. If there are no other nominations (which there have not been) the two candidates above will be sworn in as the new NW Regional Officers).

NWR VP-Elect Michelle Davis from Branch 38 was sworn in by JrPRPNW Bill Hall as the new Northwest Regional Vice President at the Branch 382 Zoom Meeting on August 8, 2020. Congratulation Shipmate Davis!

2020 National FRA/LAFRA Convention - Has been postponed until 2021. It will still be hosted by the Northwest Region and will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR the week of September 25 – October 2, 2021. Room rates are \$112 per night plus 15.3% hotel tax. Oregon does not have a sales tax, but they do have those pesky hotel taxes☹. Parking will be on-site complimentary self-parking. Shipmate Burke is on the NW Region Convention Committee as Co-Chair and

Secretary/Treasurer (just like in 2015). The first convention newsletter is on the FRA Website.

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2021 NW Region Convention – Branch 38 has been asked to host the 2022 NW Region Convention due to the postponing of this year’s convention. It will be hosted by Inland Empire Branch 38 in Spokane, WA. The convention committee had visited several sites and we have chosen the Hampton Inn off Sunset Hwy as the site for the 2021 NW Region Convention. It will be asked if it can accommodate us in 2022 instead. It will allow us to run a hospitality room like we have in the past.

The Branch selected the following officers for the Convention Committee:

Chair – Anna Martin Vice Chair – Michelle Davis Secretary/Treasurer – Peg Burke

Anyone in the Branch can volunteer to help organize and participate in the planning the convention by contacting one of the convention committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report – The Branch Membership Report for August is 74. After the report came in we were notified that long-time member Alfred R. Hemming, our 104 year old WWII veteran joined the Supreme Commander’s team on August 5, 2020. Therefore, the Branch membership is now down to 73.

We have also lost two of our former Unit 38 members: Melanie Jeffery and Ruby Honcharuk. Shipmates Ralph Bean and James Robertson attended her memorial service. They will be remembered at our next Two Bell Ceremony.

Coast Guard Birthday – Happy belated 230th Birthday on August 4, 1790 to the U.S. Coast Guard 😊

A-P Essay Contest – The FRA’s 2020-21 American Essay Contest Poster/Flyers, Cover and Rules sheets have been received by the Branch. This year’s theme is “The Bill of Rights and Me”. They were given to the Branch A-P Chair Anna Martin.

Ballot for FRA National Officers for 2020-21 – Election of national officers is being held by branch ballot this year. Branch 38 has four (4) votes. The candidates for national officers are as follows:

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| National President | Michael “Mick” Fulton (currently NVP) |
| National Vice President | James Campbell (PRPEC) |
| National Vice President | James E. “Robbie” Robbins Jr (PRPSE) (Just received his bio) |

The Branch members must vote on their choice at this meeting, so that the Branch President and Secretary can fill in the ballot, sign it, and mail it back to FRA HQ by September 30, 2020.

This item was tabled until the September 19, 2020 Meeting. The Branch Secretary was directed to send out an email to all Branch members that have an email to vote on the above candidates. She was directed to include their Nomination Biographies in the email so everyone could have an idea of what their qualifications are. Response to be required prior to the September 2020 meeting date.

September 2020 Meeting Location – The Branch is supposed to go to Rancho Chico Restaurant for next month’s meeting. Will we still try to do that with the COVID-19 status of Spokane as it is? Right now the Rancho Chico has confirmed that they can only seat five (5) to a table.

Shipmate Ralph Bean moved to hold the meeting at the VFW 1474 site if Spokane, WA has not moved to Phase 3 by then. It was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting would be held at 10:30 am. Bringing in food for a potluck was proposed but no decision was made.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Shipmate Grisham reminded everyone that this was the 75th anniversary of VJ day.

Meeting Adjourned.

Margret “Peg” Burke, Branch Secretary

Robert Bean, Branch President

Calendar Year 2020 Meeting Locations

All meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

1st Quarter FY 2020 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

August 15, 2020 **Monthly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

September 19, 2020 **NOON Luncheon at – West:** Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant
2023 W. Northwest Blvd, Spokane, WA

2nd Quarter FY 2020 VFW Post 1474 and Luncheon Meetings

October 17, 2020 **Qtrly Meeting at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post 1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

November 21, 2020 **Monthly Mtg at 10:30 AM** at the VFW Post_1474 (Bingo Hall)
2902 E. Diamond Ave, Spokane, WA

December 19, 2020 **Christmas Party at 11:00 AM – East:** Conley’s Place
12622 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA
The restaurant is owned by the same people who own the White Elephant stores which are closing permanently.
The Branch Secretary has confirmed that even though the White Elephant stores are closed the restaurant will remain open and operated by a different branch of the family. They too are still restricted to five (5) people to a table.